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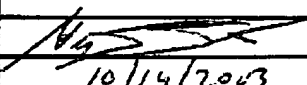
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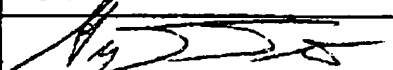
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| | Art Unit | 2143 |
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